



**Meeting Date: December 4, 2019**

**Time: 5:15pm**

**Location: Madoc Township Municipal Building**

**Public Meeting Regarding A Private Cemetery for the Amish Community**

**Council Members Present: Reeve Blackburn  
Deputy Reeve Rollins  
Councillor Beaton  
Councillor Rowe  
Councillor Smith**

**Council Members Absent: None**

**Staff Present: Acting Clerk/Planning Coordinator Amanda Cox  
Acting Treasurer/Administrator Anne-Marie Goulah  
Working Roads Superintendent Mike Arney  
Facility Manager Lynn Reid  
Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant Shannon Burke/Campoli**

**1. Call to Order**

The public meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Reeve Blackburn

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof and conflict of interest**

None

Approximately 13 people attended the meeting

Reeve Blackburn opened the meeting for people to comment and that it was open for questions

Reeve Blackburn asked Chris or Moses what the process is and what they want

They are working to get mutual aid assistance so they don't have to pay into insurance. They would like to have it on Chris Stutzman's property

Clerk/Planning Coordinator explained some of the process.

Mr. Purchase of 109 Robinson Rd spoke. He is good friends with Chris and doesn't want there to be problems. He is not ok with the cemetery being uphill from his house. There are artesian wells in fields for about 170 years that come straight down to where they want the cemetery. Water flow comes down by his house, over time things may seep through the ground. He doesn't want to sit on his deck and look at a cemetery. There are a lot of springs and whether its 20 or 50 years the water will come down

Deputy Reeve Rollins said we don't have a lot of say, the BAO regulates everything. He would imagine they would come and do inspections

Mr. Raeburn of Robinson Rd asked if the Ministry of Health or Environment has come out

Reeve Blackburn said no, the process hasn't started yet

Mr. Stutzman said the health board will be involved, if there are any concerns the health board will find them

Public asked if there are any other sites

Mr. Stutzman said there are other options they could try

Public asked if there are any other options on Gawley Rd

Mr. Stutzman said that could be an option, the soil had to be right and it has to be so far away from a barn and water. They are willing to change sites if they have to, but they have to start somewhere

Public asked when the site fills up where do they go from there

Mr. Stutzman said can the can have 500 in a cemetery

Norwidge has been 50 years and its not 1/4 full yet, they have 50 families

Public asked if they embalm

Mr. Stutzman answered yes

Public asked if they go in wood or cement

Mr. Stutzman answered wood

Public said Formaldehyde will seep through wood

Mr. Stutzman said that where the health board will come in

Reeve Blackburn asked if there were any concerns about the proceedings, any strong objections to at least us finding out what to do

Deputy Reeve Rollins said they have to follow process, what we can do is let the public know what is going on, that's what this meeting was about

Public was concerned that they didn't have the notice in a lot of time

Deputy Reeve Rollins said maybe we should have pushed it to the next meeting

Public asked if they would be contacted in the same way

Reeve Blackburn said we are trying to figure out how to do better

Public said 48 hours is not enough notice

Reeve Blackburn said we are trying to do better. Then asked if there were any objections around the table. There were none

Reeve Blackburn ended the meeting saying we will call more public meetings when we receive more information.

  
Clerk/Planning Coordinator  
  
Reeve